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State Exceptional Events contacts,

As you likely know, the EPA has been working to revise the Exceptional Events Rule and also provide draft implementation guidance for wildfire events that may impact ozone concentrations. We've previously communicated during outreach efforts with you that we intend to release the draft guidance for state review at the same time OMB is conducting their review of these documents. We followed a similar process to solicit stakeholder feedback on our May 2013 Interim Exceptional Events Implementation Guidance documents (i.e., overview memorandum, high winds/dust guidance and frequently asked questions) prior to releasing these documents for public comment in the July 2012 Notice of Availability. Based on our experiences then, the state input we received prior to a formal public comment period was valuable. We hope to follow this process with you again on the wildfire/ozone guidance document and we're now inviting your review of the technical section of the draft wildfire/ozone guidance.

This draft guidance was just transmitted to OMB for an expedited review. We ask that you and any of your interested staff review the guidance quickly and return your feedback within one week (by COB Wednesday 10/14, comments/edits in one file per agency, if possible). We specifically ask that you focus your review on the clarity of the approaches and the ability to implement the guidance. We'll work to address as many of your comments in the Notice of Availability version of the draft guidance as possible, but given our timeframe, some of them may not be addressed until after the Notice of Availability. Additionally, we encourage you to comment during the upcoming 45-day public comment period for the Notice of proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Availability of guidance.

Thank you for your help over the years on our Exceptional Events implementation efforts, and particularly with your feedback on fire-related issues. Please let me and/or Beth Palma know if you will not be able to review or if you have questions about the document or process.

Thanks,  
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